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To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, Apr 2, 2003 3:43 PM
Subject: Preserve Media Diversity: Keep the FCC Rulemaking an Open Process

FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell
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From: M & L Schultz
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Subject: media monopoly

I share your concerns about Chairman Powell's intention to push deregulation of the newspaper-broadcast cross ownership rules which prohibit media giants from owning both newspapers and broadcasting outlets in the same communities. This would be a certain formula for political power and influence beyond what already exists in the media today. Thinking people need unbiased, uncensored and factual information to make rational decisions. Also foreign influence especially should not be part of any public information systems. Hope you will continue to fight this power grab and you can be sure many patriotic Americans are watching this issue unfold. Sincerely Lanny Schultz, Wickenburg, Az.

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